(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme drawn up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) Reforms in civil services in order to enable them to meet the challenges of social change is a continuing process. The steps taken in the recent past in this regard include improvements in the recruitment process, training programmes to upgrade their skills and capabilities, systematic placement and career planning, enforcement of accountability through objective performance appraisal system, etc.

Production of the polio vaccine in the country

†2532. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that polio vaccine is being produced in the country;

(b) if so, whether the quantity of the vaccine produced is adequate for the needs of the country or some quantity of the vaccine is being imported; and

(c) what steps are being taken to increase the indigenous production of polio vaccine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to c) No, Sir, the Polio vaccine is not manufactured indigenously in the country. However, the Haffkine Biopharmaceutical Corporation Ltd. (HBPCL) is importing the requisite monovalent components of the oral polio vaccine in bulk and after formulation, the polyvalent polio vaccine is made available for the Expanded Programme of Immunisation. The Government have already launched a Technology Mission titled "Vaccination and Immunisation of Vulnerable Sections especially children" which also has a component of the indigenous production of polio vaccine. The technology for indigenous production has been finalised and discussion with possible manufactures are in advanced stage.

Cases of Nationalised Banks pending in Courts

2533. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nationalised banks have a large number of cases pending in various courts of law in the country, leading to clogging of courts;

(b) whether the Government have made any survey of the number of cases pending in courts, which were initiated by nationalised banks; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to order such a survey, so as to enquire into ways and means of reducing the work of courts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) to (c) Quick reports obtained from the 20 nationalised banks indicate that as on 31.12.1986, they had about 5.85 lakh suits pending in various courts in the country.

The banks take recourse to law courts only after exhausting available remedies for recovery of their advances/enforcement of their rights, including consideration of proposals for settlements/compromises etc. Public sector banks have already been advised to take recourse to arbitration in matters of disputes involving only Govt. organisations/public sector undertakings. In other cases, recourse to legal action where unavoidable would have to be allowed to the banks to ensure recovery and enforcement of their rights.

Loan to Small Scale Industries by Banks in Orissa

2534. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Bank of India and other Nationalised Banks in Orissa are not financing the small scale industries in time and as such

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many industries have become sick industries;

(b) whether Government is aware of the fact that the loan applications from the industries are not sanctioned for months together and not disposed of; and

(c) the number of loan applications that were made to the different Nationalised Banks and State Bank of India in Orissa during last one year and the amount of loan sanctioned thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However Reserve Bank of India has issued instructions to all scheduled commercial banks advising that all loan applications upto a credit limit of Rs. 25,000/- should be disposed of within a fortnight and those over Rs. 25,000/-within 8 to 9 weeks. While the time norms for loans below Rs. 25,000/- are strictly adhered to by the banks, delays sometimes do occur in disposal of loan proposals for larger amounts mainly on account of inability on the part of the entrepreneurs to submit information essentially required for consideration of these loan proposals. Bank have also introduced a procedure of joint appraised with the Orissa State Financial Corporation to ensure that the working capital is sanctioned promptly to new units. Pending proposals are also reviewed at the District level every month by District Industries Centres (DICs) and the banks.

(c) The present data reporting system from the banks does not generate information in the manner asked for. However, advances by public sector banks to small scale industries as on December, 1985 in the State of Orissa stood at Rs. 10399.81 lakhs in 65872 accounts as compared to RS. 8.606.88 lakhs in 59051 accounts in December. 1984.

Establishment of Earth Station and Super Computer in Bhubneshwar

2535. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Orissa Government has urged the Central Government to establish an Earth Station and Super Computer at Bhubaneshwar in Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) by when the final decision in the matter in likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Orissa Government has not urged the Central Government to establish an Earth Station. A Super Computer has been established and an Earth Station is proposed to be installed in Bhubaneshwar as one of the nodes of a nationwide network called NICNET which is being set up by the National Informatics Centre, Department of Electronics, Government of India.

(c) Final decision was taken by the Government of India in 1986. The Super Computer has already been installed and made operational. An Earth Station will be installed in Bhubaneshwar in the second half of 1987 after the Master Earth Station of NICNET is established in Delhi.

Loan to Gopinath Weavers Cooperative Spinning mills Ltd.

2536. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Orissa have requested the Central Government to advise the I.D.B.I. to sanction the loan of Rs. 550 lakhs as a very special case to "Share Gopinath Weavers Cooperative Spining Mills Ltd."; and

(b) if so, whether Government have sanctioned the loan and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) IDBI reported that the institutions had decided not to support, creation of additional spinning capacity in view of the large capacity already created in the textile spinning sector and because of demand recession in the industry. The position had been suitably informed to the Government of Orissa.